



## *& Tourism Office*

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

August 15, 2011

RE: AT&T Incorporated's proposal to merge with T-Mobile (WT Docket No. 11-65)

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As the leading voice of business for local communities, the Greater Centralia Chamber of Commerce strives to be the largest economic development advocate in our area. Toward that goal, we advocate today for AT&T Incorporated's proposed merger with T-Mobile.

This merger could be an impetus for development and growth in Greater Centralia's business community. The LTE network AT&T plans to deploy post merger will provide faster speeds and heightened performance, which means it can support new and emerging applications that require interaction and information in real time. It also will allow for greater network capacity, which is crucial as more and more business is done online.

Indeed, being on the cutting edge of technology is a must for today's businesses. Innovation and success hinge on the ability to utilize technology, especially broadband-supported technology, to sustain business endeavors. The communities that comprise Greater Centralia cannot afford to have their businesses left out as high-speed Internet becomes the communication norm among global businesses and their customers.

We strongly encourage you to approve this proposal.

Sincerely,

Bob Kelshemer  
Executive Director, Greater Centralia Chamber of Commerce

CC:

Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn